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THE EQUATORIAL MUDDLE.

It is interesting, in view of the news of hostilities between Peru and Bolivia on the boundary question, to note the receipt by last mail of a pamphlet giving a resume of the boundary controversy between Ecuador and Peru. It was written by Alfredo Flores y Caamano, first secretary to the legation of Ecuador in Washington, for the information of the press of the United States. Fourteen pages of argument, citing history and treaties, concludes with these ominous words: "Ecuador, for the sake of humanity, earnestly desires peace and exerts all legitimate efforts in order to preserve it unaltered; but, in the case of a just war of recovery, the blame for bloodshed shall not fall upon it."

Why, in the name of civilization—the question naturally occurs—do not these little countries at the equator come together in a peaceable federation? Why should they have boundaries, at least other than as local self-governing states of one commonwealth, capable of becoming a great nation? With the resplendent examples of the United States, Germany, Canada, Australia and South Africa—all within a period long succeeding the European colonization of South and Central America—before their eyes, it might be imagined that these Latin peoples should by now have acquired some degree of world-sense. The time is coming when the United States will feel called upon, as she already possesses the power, to put an end to fratricidal nonsense among all of her southern neighbors.

Local capitalists who have started cocoanut plantations here are likely to have a good thing, if they persevere in the enterprise. There would seem to be a boom in copra just now, in the European market, which almost rivals the recent furor in rubber. Probably the demand for copra will be more steadfast in relation to the supply than that for rubber, as the regions where the cocoanut will flourish are likely not comparable in vastness with congenial habitats of the rubber tree. At all events, cocoanut lands in the South Seas have taken a tremendous jump in value, and Fiji anticipates that its sugar will be supplanted by its copra industry.

Mr. Parsons, a New York democrat of prominence, is quoted in a London interview for sensible remarks on the elections at home. His deprecation of further piling up of legislation, while existing statutes are on trial and public opinion is much confused on important pending questions, will be echoed by the common-sense of the nation. It is interesting to have such views from a democratic politician antedating President Taft's message with which they prove to be harmonious.

Secretary Wilson believes that the yield of sugar beets to the acre can be doubled, and that when that condition is reached the United States will not require to import any sugar. Even if such a time should arrive, it will not necessarily mean the extinction of the American cane sugar industry. Prices will still govern the amount of sugar beet planting, and sugar is a commodity that must always hold an equitable ratio of prices with other foodstuffs.

Judge Cooper has taken the right stand with regard to offenses against women, in declining to ratify compacts of leniency between prosecuting and defending lawyers. In the absence of law to provide relief for the innocent dependents of culprits, such as is being advocated now by some prison reformers, sympathy for such unfortunate persons must not be allowed to defeat the ends of justice.

Mr. Macfarlane's suggestion that artists should be among the Floral Parade judges is worthy of attention. There is considerable chance of wrong selections being made when outsiders are appointed. All strangers are not necessarily angels and possibly not every angel is a connoisseur in matters of taste.

It appears to be as hard to obtain good men for the federal supreme bench as it is, when vacancies occur, for the supreme bench of Hawaii. There is no word as yet of calling on the national bar association by President Taft to make the selections for him.

Mr. Thurston and others, at the Hilo public meeting reported by telegraph, take the same view as The Star has done about important amendments of the Organic Act. They should be submitted to the legislature before being promoted in Washington.

Tacoma has taken a radical step against saloon evils by adopting an ordinance to prohibit treating. There is no doubt that treating is responsible for the major amount of excess, in the conventional sense of the term, which prevails among users of stimulants.

Mr. Keefe may have difficulty in locating any federation of labor in Hawaii. If there is such an organization it has not made a noise like anything alive since anybody can remember.

Hilo is showing a public spirit of metropolitan size in guaranteeing a subsidy of \$5000 a year for a federal experiment farm in its neighborhood.

Queensland this year has a crop of cane sugar which has gone far above the estimate. The fact is evidence of the success of cane sugar raising by white farmers upon small holdings in that country.

The Mexican revolt does not stay suppressed any longer than the news about it.

AT THE THEATERS

The new Bijou's change of bill this evening promises bigger surprises than greeted local theatergoers the opening nights. Every item on the splendid and varied program of the first part of the week promises to be excelled by the bill which will be given tonight. The second half of "The Speculators" will provide one of the

features of the new program and in this screamingly funny farce those laugh provoking German comedians, Rowe and Mongrief, have some excellent work cut out for them. Vernet Hughes, the charming soubrette, who sang and acted herself into the hearts of Bijou patrons right off the reel will introduce some more of her clever work tonight. Richard Kipling will offer some of his latest mainland hits. In the vaudeville program some pleasing items are promised. Walter Perry, who makes people laugh in spite of themselves has a whole sleeve full of new parodies and jokes that he will expose while Gladys Mid-

dleton promises a turn that will make her sensational act of the first of the week look very ordinary. Dunn and Branton, the eccentric dancers will introduce another novelty act and that they will make good goes without saying. Director Hughes has arranged a lot of new music and the motion picture operator promises some subjects that are entirely new here.

If the bill stacks up as well as that of the first part of the week business at the Bijou for the week end gives every indication of being even better than the opening.

ARTISTS FOR PARK.

Manager Congdon in pursuance of his laudable efforts always to get something good for the numerous patrons of the Park Theater, has struck an entirely new chord by securing for a short season the three Medoras. Every member of the team is a star, and something decidedly novel is promised. They are sketch artists of a high-class; their turn is a thoroughly refined one, and Manager Congdon is certain that it will hit the popular taste. The Medoras appear first in a bicycle comedy sketch that is original and clever, and at the conclusion of the turn Mr. Medora will turn out an oil painting five feet by four in the remarkably rapid time of eighty seconds. Sandarte, the third member of the team, as her name implies, is a sand artist. She has a large collection of colored sands, and in an incredibly short space of time, she has some beautiful pictures worked out. As she finishes each picture, a jolt of the frame teases by a mass of colored sands and a feeling of disappointment that the picture should have been so ruthlessly destroyed. The Melotte Sisters are still in the bill, and tonight they will present a change of program.

SAVOY GETS JOHNSON.

The Savoy theater is fortunate for tonight and for the balance of the week to be able to present Jack Johnson to its patrons. That is "The Arrival of Jack Johnson" is the title of a farce sketch which the Malan-Magarrath Company will put on tonight, in which Jim McGarrath will play the role of Jack Johnson. Magarrath is a premier in darkey impersonations. In fact he seldom appears in any but darkey roles and his sales of wit are laugh-makers. His make-up causes a ripple of laughter all over the house and he keeps the audience in smiles continually. Malan, who has been impersonating a broken down tragedian of the comic-paper make-up, will have an excellent role as a support to Jack Johnson, while Nellie Howard and Dot Raymond, supply the feminine features. Dot Raymond will also sing new songs, and in her selections for the week-end she has some which bring her baby-drawl to the front to the best advantage.

The Savoy management, which has secured management also of the Empire theater, has closed the latter house for ten days to make alterations and change the appearance of the entrance, has cabled to San Francisco for new talent, which may arrive on the Lurline, to reopen the remodelled Empire.

SHOT WOMAN BECAUSE SHE STRUCK HIM

In order to have revenge upon a woman who had left him for another Nagano a Japanese, shot at Tazu, a Japanese woman aged 46 years. The shooting took place near the corner of Beretania and River street at 11.30 last night. Nagano firing two shot at the woman, one of which entered her face on the left side and passed out at the right. The sound of the reports brought a large crowd and when Officer Peter Kaai arrived on the scene, which was only a few seconds after the actual shooting, he found the woman bleeding profusely from the face and mouth and vainly endeavoring to staunch the flow of blood with paper napkins. Nagano had disappeared and the bystanders all declared that they knew nothing of the details of the shooting.

Tazu was taken to Queen's Hospital

in the police patrol and in a statement she accused Nagano.

Nagano did not remain at liberty long, for within an hour after the shooting he presented himself at the police station and surrendered. For some time all efforts to get his story failed but this afternoon, after being questioned at length, he gradually unfolded his story. He and Tazu, he said, had lived together in Hilo for four years and afterwards were together in Honolulu. He had on various occasions given her money, even after she had left him, but she had spoken badly of him to his friends. For the past two and a half years he had been unable to work, owing to his legs being very weak and he had been unable to give her any money. In order to live he had taken to gambling and whenever he had money and Tazu knew, she would enter his room, search his clothes and take away one or two dollars.

Among his friends Tazu spread the report that he was a police spy and apparently this was the last straw to Nagano, for he then bought a revolver, a 32-caliber Iver-Johnson weapon, for seventy-five cents and carried it with him, in order to shoot her if she did not stop talking. Nagano made this admission this afternoon after being asked his reason for carrying the revolver.

Last night, said Nagano, when he was on his way home he saw the woman together with another Japanese man, and she approached him and wanted to talk with him. He told her she could go home with him, whereupon she struck him in the face. He then struck her and she hit him a second time. Then Nagano drew his revolver and fired at her. He declared that he did not intend to shoot her, but lost command of his senses when she struck him the second time.

Nagano is being detained in the police court pending further inquiries. The woman is in hospital but in no danger of losing her life.

SAVE YOUR MONEY.

There are ways of doing this and at the same time have all the enjoyment that comes to one at Christmas time but the best at hand is to spend the holiday at Haleiwa. The moon will be very bright at that time and the dinner will be very good for Mine Host Kimball is a New Englander who realizes to the full what Christmas dinner should be. There will be plenty of enjoyment there at Christmas and, perhaps, a golf tournament. This feature for the season is not yet settled but the links will be there for those who would play a lone-some or a four-some. The road for

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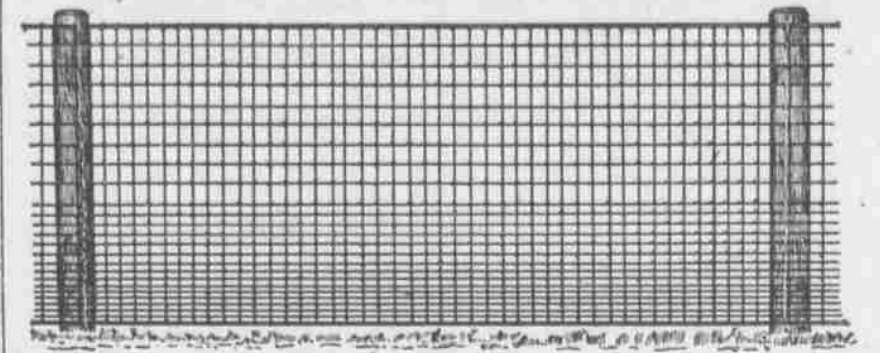
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